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**Introduction**

The Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN), formerly known as The Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN) was founded in 1935. For many years Elfrida Nord, alumni member from Alaska and past president of ASTDN, kept records of ASTDN events. Ms. Nord’s work was continued by the History Committee and is contained in this document celebrating the 80th anniversary of the organization’s founding.

**The Story of the Gavel**

Inspired to be heard and to bring about numerous needed changes in public health nursing, our predecessors interrupted one another; frequently were boisterous; and oftentimes were lacking the appropriate cultural and social refinements of women of their times. To bring about peace and harmony at these meetings, a gavel would be needed.

Typical of these pioneering, spirited women, they decided to bring about order from chaos by obtaining a block of wood and having it caved into a gavel. This gavel would be symbolic of these spirited women....it would be generic and from the heart. With this gavel, order would again prevail; order would once again be victorious.

Mrs. Mildred Garrett Primer of Austin, Texas, in collaboration with Miss McIvers, decided that a block of wood from the forests of Minnesota would be used. Miss McIvers niece went out in the rugged woods at Miss McIvers’s home place in Minnesota and got the block of wood which ended up in the hands of Mrs. Primer.

In Mrs. Mildred Garrett Primer’s enthusiasm, she went to her favorite craftsman who immediately turned her down because, in his opinion, the block of wood was too fragile to be carved into a gavel. In desperation, she let her “fingers do the walking” through the yellow pages and acquired the name of Ed Willenberg, cabinetmaker, the man credited with the sculpting of the now famous peace-bringing, law-abiding gavel.

The gavel was presented to ASTDN in 1971 to be used by this national organization in Washington, D.C. and other cities. The procuring of the gavel can be credited to Mrs. Primer, Miss McIver and to the lively discussions during Edna Brant’s term as President of ASTDN.

Pearl McIver’s career in the United States Public Health Service began in 1933, when she became its first nursing consultant and stretched over a period of 24 years until her retirement in 1957 as Chief of the Division of Public Health Nursing. Her leadership provided the impetus for the bond between ASTDN and the Division of Nursing, USDHHS. This partnership for health has been cherished and nurtured for many years.

### The Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing/The Association of Public Health Nurses

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# The Beginning

The U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) had provided leadership in the development of public health initiatives for nearly 100 years before it turned its attention to public health nursing. In 1932, after much encouragement from the National Organization for Public Health Nursing and the Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association, a survey of public health nursing needs was commissioned. Hugh S. Cumming, M.D., Surgeon General requested the John Hancock Life Insurance Company loan Sophie Nelson to complete a survey and make recommendations for meeting the identified needs.

Miss Nelson made the following recommendations:

* Develop a staff of qualified public health nurses available to the states and to any division of the USPHS, for consultation services with regard to program plans which involve nursing; the administration of public health nursing services; and the in-service education of nursing personnel.
* Conduct surveys and studies of public health nursing, upon request of the states, and evaluate the finding.
* Assist universities and other national organizations in promoting and strengthening educational programs for public health nurse.
* Participate in field studies and research that are conducted by the USPHS.

Soon thereafter, the USPHS requested a public health nurse to participate in field studies of administrative practices in local health departments. In 1933, Pearl McIver became the first nursing consultant for the USPHS to state health departments.

Seventeen states had no public health nursing units at that time. Priority was given to establishing such a presence in each state. The Social Security Act of 1936 provided much of the funding for these positions. The USPHS established five regional nursing consultants to provide ongoing support to the states in the further development of public health nursing through official state agencies.

Objectives of the public health nursing unit established in the USPHS, State Relations Division were:

* To encourage state and local authorities to improve the quality and extend the volume and scope of their public health nursing services through the attainment of best present day practice and standards.
* To encourage the development of nursing leadership for public health nursing within the respective states.
* To participate in a joint effort with other federal and national nursing groups in the promotion of a unified approach to existing public health nursing problems.
* To promote the establishment of sound educational facilities for the preparation of additional public health nurses to meet the increased demand for qualified personnel.

Activities involved in carrying out the objectives were:

* Provided consultation to state health officers in planning the organization and administration of public health nursing within state health departments.
* Collected and analyzed data concerning the number and qualifications of public health nurses employed in the U.S.
* Served as consultants to state nursing directors on plans for in-service and post-graduate study programs for public health nurses; at times participated in conducting institutes and workshops on current public health nursing problems.
* Participated with state and local agencies in evaluating local nursing services and in developing surveys and studies of nursing resources and needs.
* Initiated a special conference of state directors of public health nursing at the American Public Health Association meeting in 1935 that led to the formation of a council of state directors of public health nursing with its own officers and its own annual meetings. (This was the first ASTDN meeting).
* Collaborated with the nursing consultants of the Children’s Bureau to promote unity with regard to the recommendations on nursing coming from the two federal departments.
* Cooperated with universities and colleges offering public health nursing programs of study in an attempt to establish or expand rural field experience centers: by teaching during special summer school programs; by interpreting university matriculation requirements; by interpreting to the universities the needs of public health nurses who conduct the field services; and by planning and conducting special programs to prepare nurses in such specialties as venereal disease, tuberculosis, industrial nursing and cancer nursing.

**The Early Years (1935-1945)**

Public health nursing leadership from the newly organized units met with the federal nursing consultants annually beginning in 1935. (These meetings continued until 1972). The primary purpose of the meetings was to improve and expand nursing services to the local communities throughout the states and territories. Part of the meetings also included time with the National Organization for Public Health Nursing’s Council on Nursing Education to discuss items of mutual interest.

Agenda items during these years included:

* Planning public health nursing services to mothers and children;
* Strengthening state health departments through employment of full time nurses;
* Planning services to rural areas;
* Education of public health nurses, particularly in areas of assessment, epidemiology and field work;
* Development of in-service education programs; and
* Development of definitions of specialized versus generalized nursing programs. Specialized programs were ones in which a single type of nursing service was administered by an agency, or provided by a nurse. A generalized program consisted of several types of nursing services administered by one agency or each nurse giving all types of service to the families under her care.

In 1944 standards for staffing were established with one public health nurse per 5, 000 population, one supervisor per 50,000 population, and one nurse per 2,000 population if bedside care was also offered. These ratios were identified as a goal rather than an immediate possibility due to a shortage of nurses following World War II. Program efforts were aimed at tuberculosis, venereal disease, mental health, bedside care, and nursing education.

**The Growing Years (1945-1955)**

During this time, the organization of public health directors began to discuss further expansion and diversification. Basic studies were conducted that evaluated the administrative policies within state health departments that hindered expansion of public health nursing.

Trends in the discussion led to general consensus that:

* A division or unit of nursing is essential
* The director of nursing should be responsible for planning for public health nursing
* The positions of consultants in special fields should be defined
* The consultants in special fields should be responsible for interpreting nursing in the special fields to the director of nursing and other nurses
* A Program Planning Cabinet should be developed.

No meeting was held in 1945 because of the complications imposed by World War II.

In 1949, the first conference on administration and programs was held. Topics included salaries, benefits, performance evaluation, research, budgets, and retirement. Discussion regarding federal legislation affecting public health led the agenda for several years. Newer concepts in public health nursing included family health counseling, chronic disease, disability limitation, and immunization effectiveness.

Members of the organization spent significant time improving the capacity of the association to function as they revised and clarified the bylaws, duties of the officers and the resolutions process.

**The Strengthening Years (1955-1965)**

Mental health and mental retardation services dominated the discussions during the early part of this era. The association formally requested that the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) provide copies of any information affecting nursing to the membership prior to any action. This indicated that public health nursing had emerged to a point where others were discussing the role and function.

Agenda items during meetings included discussion about preparation of public health nurses, young parents, pediatric heart disease, patient progress studies and home health services,

In 1964, the organization was officially named the Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN). A formal relationship was established between ASTHO. Nursing was one of the first affiliates established.

**The Changing Years (1965-1975)**

The period 1944-1963 had been viewed as one in which there had been a categorical approach to public health. Public assistance for the medically indigent and support of research in this area were largely outside the realm of public health. President Eisenhower’s Commission of the Health Needs of the Nation in 1952 acknowledged, “Access to adequate health care is a basic right of all citizens, regardless of their ability to pay for it”. During the years of 1965-1975, the Commission’s recommendation changed the face of public health throughout the country. Public health nursing leaders were challenged to provide direct services that bridged the gap for many people. Federal attention to reimbursement for those services brought additional opportunities, as well as challenges, to the forefront. Government and nonprofit businesses began moving toward full acceptance of the principles of business management. Public and private sectors began to blend, and consumer input was considered for the first time.

ASTDN meeting agendas include items such as nurse practitioner training, referral systems, quality assurance, homemaker/aide services, planning, and strategies for reaching more people with limited resources.

**The Renaissance Era (1975-1985)**

This decade was one of continuing challenges and opportunities for ASTDN. In 1976, a letter was received from ASTHO regarding abolishing the affiliate. The membership persisted in reaffirming the need to collectively gather on an annual basis for the following reasons:

* Membership of ASTDN facilitates the definitions, roles, and responsibilities of public health nurses for the maximum use of resources to aid in the health of the nation.
* Multidisciplinary groups make the best decisions. Persons from different disciplines bring special expertise in defining problems and arriving at solutions. ASTDN has unique competencies in areas of direct patient care and public health nursing.
* ASTDN can provide a forceful position to address health care issues and maintain linkages with national organizations for strong collective action in nursing.

The issue of dissolution was successfully resolved during the year.

The remaining years of this decade were spent in discussions about evolving public policy, population groups and diversity of services, public health nursing competency as a key to quality, and the value of health promotion. There was also a continuing struggle to maintain a public health nursing presence at the state level.

In 1981, ASTDN adopted a position paper on the need for a Director of Public Health Nursing in each state. In 1982, a series of statements were approved to accompany the document. Following these documents were various organizational charts, position descriptions for a director of public health nursing, survey of direct staff and budget responsibility, and other items of similar nature. The association was also proactive in working with states to re-establish previously lost positions.

**The Pre-Transition Years (1985-1995)**

These years carried the hallmarks of a beginning transition in the public health system. ASTDN has discussed topics such as home health standards and accreditation, career ladders for public health nursing, job satisfaction indicators, the impact of furloughs and cut-backs, and the expansion of community-based services.

New programs evolved in early intervention services for infants and toddlers, care and follow-up of HIV positive patients, follow-up of crack/cocaine infants, homeless populations, increasing diverse cultures needing public health nursing services, and lead screening. Old programs resurfaced with new faces requiring more innovative approaches to care. These included drug resistant tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and childhood immunizations.

Workplace issues became more complex as new regulations for health care workers were implemented. These included the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Occupational and Safety Health Administration’s Regulations Regarding Blood and Body Fluids. Public health nursing leaders were also challenged in dealing with Drug-Free Workplace policies and Sexual Harassment laws.

The increased use of technology influenced public health nursing with the introduction of computerized patient information systems and the need to develop valid public health data systems.

A study of the future of public health was completed by the Institute of Medicine in 1989. This study described a public health system overburdened and in disarray. The study urged the public health system to return to the core functions of public health: assessment, policy development and assurance. The report also identified the need for public health services to return to a population focus. The themes in this report were agenda items at the ASTDN meetings during this time.

In 1993, the public health nursing community celebrated the centennial of public health nursing. The events began with a program and reception hosted by the Quad Council at the American Public Health Association meeting in the fall of 1992. In June of 1993, ASTDN joined ACHNE for its annual meeting in Boston.

The Quad Council published a paper, “Public Health Nursing in a Reformed Health Care System” in 1994. The same year, ASTDN members were involved in committees that identified Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for reimbursement by HCFA. Public Health Nursing & Disaster Preparedness was an agenda item at the annual meeting in Crystal City, Virginia.

**The Transition to Population Focused Practice (1995-2005)**

ASTDN continued to be recognized as leader related to public health nursing issues and policy development.

Members of ASTDN participated in numerous national committees and projects. The projects included: development of the first ANA Scope and Standards of Public Health Nursing beginning in 1995 and ending in 1999; creation of a “white paper”, *Population Focused Nursing,* in 1996; membership in the Nursing Education Consortium beginning in 1998; participation in the Council on Linkages project to develop public health competencies; creation with the Quad Council in 2001 of the paper, *The Impact of the Nursing Shortage on Public Health Nursing;* development of the Quad Council Public Health Nursing Competencies in 2003; and revision of the Scope & Standards of Public Health Nursing in 2005. ASTDN also participated in projects related to environmental health and was an active member of the organization, American Nurses for Shortage Relief.

ASTDN members developed several important products on their own including creation of a nursing model, “Partners for Progress” in 1998. American Nurses Publishing published this model in 2000 in the publication, Public Health Nursing, A Partner for Healthy Populations. A paper on emergency preparedness, *Public Health Nurses’ Vital Role in Emergency Preparedness & Response* was developed in 2002.

In addition, projects were done collaboratively with other organizations including co-sponsoring a national teleconference on nursing workforce development with CDC in 1999, and conducting a study, *Public Health Nursing Leadership, Responsibilities and Issues in State Health Departments*, with ASTHO in 2003. The 2004 annual meeting was held jointly with the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators (ACHNE) in Minneapolis, Minnesota

The membership of ASTDN was expanded during this time to include people who were interested in supporting the organization but were not the official state representatives. In addition to official voting members, the membership categories of alumni member and associate member were added in 2000.

During this time, ASTDN struggled with the need to create an infrastructure for the organization. It continues to be more and more difficult for ASTDN to adequately address the numerous important issues and project, due to demands on members’ time. ASTDN attempted to address this challenge with initiatives such as the Wald- Trek Project and involvement with the CDC Futures Project but have not yet solved this dilemma.

**The Organization Expands (2005-2010)**

In 2006-2008 ASTDN and CDC participated in a collaborative project entitled, “Enhancing the Capacity of Public Health Nursing Through Partnerships: Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Partners’ Cooperative Agreement”.

The goal of the projects was to enhance the capacity of public health nursing to achieve public health's mission to protect people's health, thereby supporting public health infrastructure. The strategies used to accomplish the goal were:

* Document the impact of the current nursing crisis in public health and demonstrate the critical value of adequate public health nursing capacity in achieving CDC's health protection goals and broader public health goals.
* Build a base of support within CDC and with other public health partners (e.g., ASTHO, NACCHO, Quad Council) and private partners for enhancing the capacity of public health nurses through implementation of activities in the following five focus areas:
  + Assurance of effective public health nursing leadership, through the position of the state nursing director, who has influence on state and local public health nursing priorities
  + Assurance of competent public health nurses and public health nurse leaders
  + Articulation of public health nurses' role in implementation and support of public health and CDC-funded programs
  + Presence of an adequate number of public health nurses
  + Development of an evidence-base for public health nursing

The project developed several products that benefit public health nursing including:

* Public Health Nursing factsheets:
  + Overview of ASTDN
  + What is Public Health Nursing
  + What is the Impact of Public Health Nursing within Public Health?
* Every State Health Department Needs A Public Health Nursing Leader Brochure
* A report on the recommended Public Health Nurse to Population Ratio. This document recommended one public health nurse to 5000 population and one public health nurse supervisor to no more than 8 public health nurses

ASTDN continued to demonstrate leadership and commitment through development of position papers and other documents to impact public health nursing.

* In 2006 ASTDN chaired a workgroup of members of the Quad Council. (ASTDN, ACHNE, APHA-PHN Section, and ANA) to develop a position paper, *The Public Health Nursing Shortage: A Threat to the Public’s Health*. The paper was endorsed by the all Quad Council members in 2007. A fact sheet was also developed based on this position paper.
* In 2007 the position paper, *The Role of Public Health Nurses in Emergency Preparedness and Response*, with accompanying poster entitled, *Public Health Nurses: Leaders and Partners in Assuring Care During Emergencies*, was developed. This paper was then published in the journal of Public Health Nursing in 2008
* In 2008 a position paper, *The PHN Role in Achieving Health Equity: Eliminating Inequalities in Health,* was completed.
* In 2009, responded to discussion about health reform the paper, *The Role of Public Health Nursing in Health Reform Recommendations for Taking Action on The Public Health Nursing Shortages Through the 2009 Economic Stimulus Package,* was completed.
* In 2009, a guide was developed to assist members with advocacy to policymakers. This document, ***The Public Policy Guidebook for ASTDN Members: Tools and Guidelines for Providing Advice to Policy Makers,* was used when ASTDN members visited Federal legislators in conjunction with the 2010 annual meeting.**

In 2008 ASTDN hired its first executive director. Michelle Cravetz, an alumni member from New York filled this part-time position. The addition of this position allowed the organization to increase participation in partnership activities with other organizations.

In an effort to expand membership in ASTDN and allow for greater representation from public health nursing leaders, the membership category of **Local, State, or Federal Governmental Public Health Nursing Leadership was added in 2009. At this time a student membership category was also created.**

**The public health system experienced numerous challenges during this time including greater responsibilities for emergency preparedness, increasing shortages of nurses, health threats such obesity and new diseases such as the H1N1 virus.**

The partnership with the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators continued to strengthen and a joint meeting was held in 2010 in the Washington, D.C. area.

**2011 – 2015 Building a New Brand: Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN)**

During the years 2011 – 2015, the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN) transitioned to become the Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN). This transition reflected the broadening of the association’s membership to include public health nurses working in a wide variety of roles and settings.

Clair Millet, Chief Nurse from Louisiana served as the ASTDN President from May 2010 through May 2011. Clair’s presidential goals were to seek out and maximize opportunities which would grow and ultimately sustain the organization.During Clair’s presidency, the organization strengthened existing partnerships with other national organizations and began to foster new partnerships. Clair was appointed to the American Red Cross National Nursing Committee (ARCNCC) as a representative of ASTDN. ASTDN was the first external member organization to be asked to join the ARCNCC. In a similar fashion, Glynnis LaRosa was appointed to the Workforce Development Committee of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). This appointment also marked a milestone as ASTDN was the first national organization to be included in the NACCHO workgroup. The ASTDN Bylaws were revised under Clair’s leadership to expand membership and increase revenue for the organization. Clair led the interview team process to hire ASTDN’s second Executive Director, Karen O’Brien in early 2011. Also in early 2011, the ASTDN website was revised aesthetically and planning began for transition of existing website management. The association also began conversation to obtain Directors & Officers Liability Insurance for the first time to further protect the organization and its leadership. ASTDN released a formal position statement on the 2010 Future of Nursing IOM Report.

Glynnis LaRosa from Massachusetts served as the ASTDN President from May 2011 through May 2012. Her presidential goals were to enhance organizational productivity and growth, ensure financial stability and improve communications. Glynnis worked with Karen O’Brien, Executive Director, Glenda Kelly, Communication Committee Chair, Janet Deveny-Edwards, Administrative Assistant, and John McDaniel, Website Manager to strengthen communications both internally to members and externally to the public health nursing community. A new Members Only section of the website was created where monthly Board meeting minutes, Presidential reports, Executive Director reports, committee and other reports were posted. President and Executive Director Messages were also posted on the home page of the website.

Increased visibility for public health nursing was accomplished with ASTDN PHN leaders being interviewed for two articles that appeared in the American Nurse newsletter. In September/October 2011 the role of the public health nurse was highlighted in a National Prevention Strategy article. The second article was featured in January/February 2012 which emphasized the important role public health nurses play in Healthy People 2020. Additionally, conference calls were held with the ANA President and the ASTHO President in October 2011 to discuss the work of ASTDN and how best to strengthen collaborations. Some of the key PHN initiatives during 2011-2012 included work on the Public Health Nursing Scope and Standards, Development of the PHN Competencies, and ASTDN leadership attendance at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation “Future of Public Health Nursing” Summit in February 2012.

ASTDN continued to expand PHN leadership representation and visibility at national meetings and conferences. Notable during this time include the ASTHO Affiliate Council meeting held in October 2011, PHN Section-APHA meeting October-November 2011, HRSA Training Center meeting in October 2011, ANA Immunization Standing Order Summit in November 2011, American Red Cross National Nursing Committee, HRSA meeting with Mary Wakefield in April 2012, ACHNE Annual Meeting in June 2012.

ASTDN entered 2011 with Karen O’Brien as its second Executive Director. One of ASTDN’s major areas of focus in 2011 was internal business management, a primary focus of Karen’s new role as Executive Director. To support ASTDN in this endeavor, the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) hosted a meeting to launch the development of a plan to transition the organization from ASTDN to APHN. ASTDN partners Sharon Moffatt (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, ASTHO) and Scott Becker and Carol Clark (APHL) provided significant guidance and consultation. ASTDN leaders in attendance were Glynnis LaRosa, Clair Millet, Lisette Osborne, Bobbie Bagley, and Executive Director, Karen O’Brien. This core group began guiding the transition of ASTDN to APHN.

A new organizational name, the Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN), was chosen and approved by members. In addition, ASTDN’s electronic communication presence was also enhanced by the launch of a new website. The new website domain name [www.phnurse.org](http://www.phnurse.org) and a new logo were selected by members following the Business Meeting retreat at APHL in Maryland. A Facebook presence was also initiated due to the work of Glenda Kelly.

The first mid-year membership meeting/conference call was held on November 15, 2011. Seven regional membership calls were held in November 2011 and April 2012 to improve communication and actively engage members. Educational opportunities for public health nursing members were initiated through distance learning utilizing webinar technology.

The association’s leadership began work to attain 501(c)3 status and a Certificate of Incorporation. New Bylaws were drafted for APHN. Members voted electronically and these were approved at the Annual Business meeting in Texas in May 2012. The organization’s Strategic Plan for 2012-2014 was written and was presented to membership for approval at the Annual Business meeting in May 2012.

In May 2012 Lisette Osborne from Maryland became the first President of APHN. APHN was officially incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 2012. With incorporation, APHN became increasingly focused on increasing membership to include not only public health nursing directors, but also an increased emphasis for public health nursing membership from those working on the front lines in public health, assuring effective association management, business planning and practices.

APHN supported the implementation of a national enumeration and characterization of the public health nurse workforce project. The PHN enumeration project was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and sought to accurately assess the numbers of public health nurses employed in state and local health departments. Coined “Count Me In”, APHN partnered with the Center of Excellence in Public Health Workforce Studies at the University of Michigan in conducting the assessment and assuring a robust survey response. The enumeration findings and recommendations regarding future public health nursing issues were published in 2013 and are available at the Public Health Nursing page of the Robert Wood Johnson website, <http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/features-and-articles/public-health-nursing.html>. Also during 2012 and 2013, RWJF funded development of strategic communication and messaging regarding the public health nursing role. A communication tool kit and “elevator speech” regarding public health nursing were presented at the joint meeting of APHN and the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators (ACHNE) held in North Carolina in June 2013. Also in 2013, APHN submitted an application for three-year CDC Cooperative Agreement funding to create a national PHN Leadership Institute. Although APHN’s application was approved, it was not funded. On the bright side, APHN’s application received resounding support from a broad array of partner organizations, with opportunities to support leadership development among PHNs that continue to be pursued.

Joy Reed from North Carolina became the second APHN President in May 2013. Under Joy Reed’s Presidency APHN saw increased opportunities and invitations for PHN representation on national boards, committees, and workgroups. Examples include the ASTHO Public Health/Primary Care Integration Workgroup, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Integration of Primary Care/Public Health Committee, the ANA Nursing Administration Scope and Standards of Practice workgroup, the ASTHO Policy Committee and the CDC Million Hearts Initiative. With funding provided through ASTHO, APHN identified and promoted public health nursing roles that are critical in achieving the goals of the Million Hearts Initiative and improving population health. APHN’s 2014 annual meeting and conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, attracted record attendance.

Sharon Stanley from Ohio followed Joy Reed as APHN President in May 2014. Sharon coordinated the hiring of an Ohio management company to assist the association and its Board operations. Additionally, Sharon led the review of the existing 2012-2014 Strategic Plan and began a Strategic Mapping process which will be implemented in 2015-2016. Other focus areas of her presidential platform include leadership diversity for the organization and sustainment of official state representatives. In January 2015, former association president, Shirley Orr from Kansas became the association’s third Executive Director.

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Annual Meeting Locations & Themes

**1936-2015**

1936 New Orleans, Louisiana, Meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Instructors in Public Health Nursing. Meeting in conjunction with APHA

1937 New York, New York, Joint meeting of PHN State Directors and Course Directors. Attendence-30 states, Territory of Hawaii, 14 Universities, US Public Health Service,

US Children’s Bureau, National Organization for Public Health Nursing, American Red Cross, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and John Hancock Life Insurance Company. Title of meeting-Special Meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Directors of Courses in Public Health Nursing

1938 Kansas City, Missouri, Meeting in conjunction with the American Public Health Assn.

1939 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Title of Meeting-Council of State Directors of Public Health Nursing. Attendence-24 states, US Public Health Service and US Children’s Bureau.

1940 Detroit, Michigan-25 states represented, USPHS and Children’s Bureau. In addition 18 members of the Collegiate Council on Public Health Nursing met with the group.

1941 Atlantic City, New Jersey-16 states represented.

1942 St. Louis, Missouri

1943 New York, New York-18 states and District of Columbia

1944 New York, New York-26 states and District of Columbia, USPHS, US Children’s Bureau

1945 No meeting due to WW II

1946 Cleveland, Ohio-Joint meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Collegiate Council on Public Health.

1947 Atlantic City, New Jersey-26 states represented, USPHS and US Children’s Bureau

1948 Boston, Massachusetts- Joint meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Collegiate Council on Public Health. Ninety Seven people present: 33 states, USPHS, US Children’s Bureau, National Organization of Public Health Nursing and Universities.

1949 New York, New York-20 states represented.

1950 St. Louis, Missouri-meeting held in conjunction with American Nurses’ Association Meeting. 25 states represented.

1951 San Francisco, California-13 states represented.

1952 Cleveland, Ohio-20 states plus Territory of Hawaii represented

1953 Bethesda, Maryland, Meeting Title-Biennial Meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing-38 states represented.

1954 No meeting

1955 Washington, DC

1956 No meeting

1957 Washington, DC-52 states/territories represented. Minutes state the official name of organization changed to Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing. However, the bylaws which were circulated were headed Association of State & Territorial irectors of Public Health Nursing.

1958 No meeting

1959 Washington, D.C., Title of meeting was Biennial Meeting of Association of State & Territorial Directors of Public Health Nursing and Conference of Chiefs, Public Health Nursing of U.S. Public Health Service and Children’s Bureau. 48 states/territories represented.

1960 No meeting

1961 Washington, DC-48 States represented

1962 No meeting

1963 San Francisco, California-47 States represented

1964 No meeting except at APHA. Correspondence with ASTHO regarding becoming an affiliate and name change to Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing.

1965 Washington, DC-48 States represented

1966 No Meeting

1967 Arlington, Virginia-51 States/Territories represented.

1968 No meeting

1969 Bethesda, Maryland-49 States/Territories represented. Meeting theme was “New Patterns for Delivery of Health Care”.

1970 No meeting

1971 Denver, Colorado-44 States/Territories represented.

1972 Bethesda, Maryland-43 States/Territories represented. Meeting theme was ”Federal Legislation-Panacea or Chaos”

1973 Chevy Chase, Maryland-42 States/Territories represented

1974 Scottsdale, Arizona-40 States/Territories represented

1975 No record of meeting

1976 Indianapolis, Indiana-31 States/Territories represented

1977 Washington, D.C., Title: The Matching Game: Health Care Needs-The Basis For Skills. A State Agency Responsibility. 22 States/Territories represented.

1978 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma-Title: As the Pendulum Swings. 27 States/Territories represented

1979 No information available

1980 Atlanta, Georgia-Title: Partnership for Health. Joint meeting with State & Territorial Health Officials & Epidemiologists, 24 States/Territories represented.

1981 San Antonio, Texas, Title: Coming Together to Get It Together. 29 States/Territories represented.

1982 Minneapolis, Minnesota, Title: Performance Productivity. 22 States/Territories represented.

1983 Washington, DC Joint Meeting with ASTHO. 32 States/Territories represented.

1984 Orlando, Florida, Title: Making Things Happen. 27 States/Territories represented.

1985 Baltimore, Maryland, Title: Impact of Health Care Policy on Public Health & Community Nursing. 33 States/Territories represented.

1986 Denver, Colorado-27 States/Territories represented.

1987 Tempe, Arizona

1988 Richmond, Virginia, Title: The Dimensions of Leadership. 32 States/Territories represented.

1989 Wakiki Beach, Hawaii-26 States/Territories represented.

1990 Kansas City, Missouri-32 States/Territories represented.

1991 San Diego, California-21 States/Territories represented.

1992 Juneau, Alaska-22 States/Territories represented.

1993 Cambridge, Massachusetts-Charting The Course Community Health Nursing in the Next Century

1994 Crystal City, Virgina-34 States/Territories represented.

1995 Washington, DC-26 States/Territories represented.

1996 Scottsdale, Arizona, Title: The Public Health Nurse of the Future. 30 States/Territories represented.

1997 Gulfport, Mississippi

1998 San Antonio, Texas, Title: Public Health Nursing: A Partner for Progress. 30 States/Territories represented.

1999 Portland, Maine, Title: Public Health Nursing in a Changing Environment. 32 States/Territories represented.

2000 Oakland, California-26 States/Territories represented.

2001 Colorado Springs, Colorado

2002 Charleston, South Carolina

2003 Salt Lake City, Utah

2004 Minneapolis, Minnesota, Joint meeting with ACHNE. Title: Igniting the Spark:

Linking Public Health Nursing Practice and Education to Promote Population Health.

19 States represented.

2005 New Orleans, Louisiana, Title: Quantum Leadership for Improving Public Health and Preparing Future Leaders in Public Health Nursing. 24 States represented

2006 Seattle, Washington, Title: Achieving Health Equity: From Knowledge to Action.

2007 Joint Meeting with the ACHNE in Kansas City, Missouri. Host state was Kansas. Utilizing Partnerships to Enhance Practice and Education in Public Health Nursing

2008 Orlando, Florida. Leadership & Change - Public Health Nursing Workforce, Meeting the Challenge

2009 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Public Health Nurses: Nobody Does It Better. 25 states represented.

2010 Arlington, Virginia. Embracing Diversity: Innovations in Education, Policy and Practice. Joint Meeting with the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators

2011 Columbus, Ohio. Healthy Communities: Today’s Vision, Tomorrow’s Reality. Registration for entire meeting was 25. Eighty five attended CE day

2012 Austin, Texas-Lasso the Power of Public Health Nursing

2013 Cary, North Carolina -Evidenced-based Population Nursing: General and Advanced Practice. Joint meeting with ACHNE

2014 Santa Fe, New Mexico-Public Health Nursing: Shaping the Future of Population Health

2015 Manchester, New Hampshire - “80 Years - Salute to Public Health Nursing, Building on Our Past and Partnering to Shape Our Future”

**HISTORIC ROSTER of**

**Official ASTDN/APHN State Representatives**

**(Updated December 2014)**

**ALABAMA (1909-First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1919-1933 Jessie L. Mariner

1933-1938 Frances C. Montgomery

1939-1950 Pearl Barclay

1950-1964 Catherine Corley

1964-1984 Anne M. Smith (ASTDN President 1978 & 1979)

1984-1987 Murlene D. Sides

1987-1994 Ruth Harrell (ASTDN President 1994)

1994-1999 Jeanette Free

1999-2005 Deborah Thomasson

2005-Present John Hankins

**ALASKA (1936-First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1936-1943 Mary Keith Cauthorne Neill (USPHS MCH Advisor)

1943-1956 Dorothy Whitney

1956-1969 Helen Hartigan

1969-1977 Edna Crawford

1977-1978 Airlie Bruce

1978-1984 Lois M. Bergerson

1985-1997 Elfrida H. Nord (ASTDN President 1995)

1997-2005 Nancy Davis

2005-2014 Rhonda Richtsmeier

2014-Present Linda Worman

**ARIZONA**

1951-1959 Jefferson Brown

1964-1975 Mary Copeland

1976-1981 Carol Lockhart

1981-1981 Luana Haskell

1981-1985 Carolyn Wild

1985- Georgia P. MacDonough

* 1. Vanessa Nelson Hill (ASTDN President 1996)
  2. No Designated Representative
  3. Andie Denious

2007-Present Ramona Rusinak

**ARKANSAS**

1919-1927 Linnie Beuchamp

1945-1957 Margaret Vaughn

1957-1969 Sara Lou Butler

1975-1977 Sara Lou Butler (ASTDN President 1974)

1977-1979 Betty Jo Thomas

1979-1979 Ella Herriage

1980-1982 Mary Gaither

1982-1984 Terry J. Nestrud

1985-2000 Mary Lou Menefee (ASTDN President 1991)-

(Leadership position eliminated)

2000-2001 Pam Perry-Contact\*

2001-2003 No Designated Representative

2003-2004 Zenobia Harris-Contact\*

2005-2011 Aurian Zoldessy (Statewide position re-established)

2011-Present Sherian Kwanisai

**CALIFORNIA**

Juanita Tolle

Nancy Schwartz

Ruth Braun

1946-1955 Rena Haig (ASTDN President 1951, 1954 & 1955)

1959 Edna Brandt (ASTDN President 1967, 1968 &1969)

2000-2003 Susie Fatheree

Statewide position eliminated-president of Local Health Department Nursing Directors serves as official representative

2003-2004 Margaret Avila

2004-2005 Debra Henley

2005-2006 Nancy Fisher

2006-2007 Barbara Navolanic

2007-2008 Pam Shaw

2008-2009 Jane MacLean

2010-2013 Lucinda Wasson

2013-Present Hermia Parks

**COLORADO**

1944-1946 Mary Emberton (ASTDN President 1946)

1953 Vesta Bowden

1959-1973 Bernice de Sessa (ASTDN President 1970 & 1971)

1973-1979 Joan Truhy

1980-1996 Marie A. Swigert

1996-1997 Courtney Thomas

1997-1998 Judy Robinson

* 1. Karen O’Brien (ASTDN President 2007)

2008- Statewide position eliminated

2010-2014 Tsering Dorjee

2014-Present Joni Reynolds

**CONNECTICUT**

1941-1956 Hazel Dudley (ASTDN President 1949)

1964- Alba Mastagor

1972-1979 Norma Lundquist

1979-1991 Marie Roberto (ASTDN President 1988)

1991-1993 Lois Lewis

1993 Patricia Kucharski

2005-2012 Barbara Dingfelder

2013-Present No Official Representative

**DELAWARE**

1943-1961 Madeline Klaes

1962-1964 Elizabeth Ogden

1965-1970 Mary McQuade

* 1. Theresa Dupuis

1991-1996 Shirlee Kittelman-contact\*

1996-2006 Prue Albright (ASTDN President 2004)

2006-Present Kristin Bennett

**FLORIDA (1914-First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1921-1963 Ruth Mettinger

1963-1970 Enid Mathison

1971-1974 Jane Wilcox

1974-1989 Dolores M. Wennlund

1989-2001 Katherine Mason

2001-2002 Annie R. Neasman

2003-2006 Karen Eaton

2006-2009 Sandra A. Schoenfisch

2009 2013 Carol Wright-Tanner

2013-Present Susan Bulecza

**GEORGIA**

1947-1961 Theodora Floyd

1962-1975 Dorothy Barfield

1977-1987 Ruth Melber

1987-1989 Jane McCombs (Acting)

1989- Present Carole Jakeway (Robinson) (ASTDN President 2001)

**HAWAII**

1957 Alison McBride

1965- Alice Scott

1966-1971 Esther M. Stubblefield

1972-1975 Kazue K. McLaren

1976-1984 Rose Moorefield

1985- Mae N. Kuramoto

Laura J. Armstrong

1992- Ruth Ota

2010-2012 G. Noelani Wilcox

2013-Present Joan Takamori

**IDAHO**

1976-1985 Bee Biggs

Simonne DeGlee–contact\*

Laurel Patterson-contact\*

2013-Present No Official Representative

**ILLINOIS**

1955 Maude Carson

1965 Pearl Ahrenkiel

1970 Helen Bruening

-1985 Michael Hooker

1985- Mary Lou England

Andrea R. Butler –contact\*

Kathleen Kilbane

Evelyn Norton

Ron Brown

2006 Vivienne Dawkins

2010-2014 Glendean Sisk

2014- No Official Representative

**INDIANA**

1937 Eva McDougall (ASTDN President 1937)

1946-1969 Ethel Jacobs

1968-1991 Geraldine Wojtowicz (ASTDN President 1976 & 1977)

1991-1993 Patricia Eifert-(contact\*-Statewide leadership position eliminated)

1993-1999 Louise A. Anderson-contact\*

1999- 2006 Janet Chorpenning-contact\*

2006-Present No Official Representative

**IOWA**

1944 Mary Neusphgefer

1955 Mattie Brass

1969-1977 Thelma Luther

1977-1978 Pat Witte

1978-1988 Darleen Sickert

1988-1991 Mary Weaver

1991-1994 Patricia Howell

1994-1998 Karen Fread

1998-2013 Julie McMahon

2013-Present Diane Anderson

**KANSAS (1919 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

-1946 Janet Tidrick

1948-1951 Tess Jennings

1951-1963 Roberta Foote

1963-1981 Dorothy Woodin

1985-1990 Connie Hanson

1991-2001 Abby Horak (ASTDN President 1998 & 1999)

2001-2011 Shirley Orr (ASTDN President 2008)

2011-Present Jane Shirley

**KENTUCKY**

1920-1922 Mary Williamson

1923-1953 Margaret East

1954-1972 Ruth Spurrier

1972-1977 Bess Witt

1977-1977 Mary Lee Tracy

1980-1999 Viola D. Brown

* 1. Sarah J. Wilding

2007-2013 Rosie Miklavcic

2013-Present No Official Representative

**LOUISIANA (1921 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1921- M. Coale

1925- Emma Maurin

1949-1964 Lillinan Jeffers

1964-1967 Edna Mewhinney

1967-1984 Jessie Hickey

Dorothy B. Whipple

1985-? Edna Treuting

?- 2006 Doris G. Brown

2006-Present Clair Millet (ASTDN President 2011)

**MAINE (1920- First Public Health Nurses Hired))**

1920-1940 Edith Soule

1940-1958 Helen Dunn (ASTDN President 1943)

1958-1968 Mary Sullivan

1968-1988 Helen Zidowecki

1988-1996 Eleanor Bruce

1995-1996 Kathy Jewett (Acting Director)

1996-1996 Luanne Crinion (Acting Director)

* 1. Valerie Ricker

2001-2005 Beth Patterson

2005-2012 Janet Morrissette

2013-Present No Official Representative

**MARYLAND (1905 – First Public Health Nurse Hired)**

1945-1954 Helen L. Fisk (ASTDN President 1947)

1966-1974 Ruth B. Margraff

1975-1980 Serafina Listro

1980- Lillian Cole

Geri Mendelson (Statewide position eliminated)

MD Council of PH Nursing Directors designate representative

B. Joan Scott

Pearl Holland

2005-2012 Lisette K. Osborne (President 2013)

2013-Present No Official Representative

**MASSACHUSETTS**

1945-1954 Ethel Brooks

1954-1975 Ann Thomson

Dorothy Harrington (contact)

David Mulligan (contact)

Vicki Soler

2003-Present Glynnis LaRosa (ASTDN President 2011)

**MICHIGAN**

1939 Helen Bean (ASTDN President 1939)

1941 Helen Buker (ASTDN President 1944)

1942 Alice Rooney

1947 Ella McNiel

1963-1966 Julia Brandberry (ASTDN President 1966)

1966-1976 Claire Corriveau

1976-1980 Patricia Hatfield

1980-1981 Marie Mrozinski

Connie Alfaro

2005-2012 Jeanette Klemcak

2013–Present Deborah Bach-Stante

**MINNESOTA (1903 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1918-1921 Frances Brink

1921-1927 Vacant due to lack of funds

1927-1941 Olivia T. Peterson (ASTDN President 1942)

1941-1954 Ann S. Nyquist

1955-1971 Alberta Wilson (ASTDN President 1963, 1964 & 1965)

1971-1983 Frances Decker (ASTDN President 1982 &1983)

1983-1984 Lorene Wedeking

1985-1991 LaVohn Josten (ASTDN President 1990)

1992-2002 Mary J. Rippke

2002-2006 Linda Olson Keller

2006-2007 Laurel Briske

2008-Present LuAnne McNichols

**MISSISSIPPI (1920 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1920-1921 Nannie J. Lackland

1921-1946 Mary Osborne

1946-1949 Lucy E. Massey

1949-1963 Louise Holmes (ASTDN President 1958 & 1959)

1963-1975 Zona Jelks

1975-1979 Grace Ferguson

1972-1982 Edna Roberts

1983-1986 Susan R. Walters

1986 Kaye Bender (ASTDN President 1992)

Margaret Morton

Wanda Blount

2004 Mary Coleman

2005 Juanita Graham

2006-Present Kay Henry

**MISSOURI**

1942-1943 Ella Mae Holt

1947 Lucile Whitesides

1950 Helen Finney

1958-1974 Helen Pfaff

1976-1992 Jane Dey

1992-1993 Mary Lou Gillilan-contact\*

1993-1995 Vida Gorsegner (Statewide position eliminated)

1996-1997 Judy Alexiou-contact\*

1997-2007 Glenda Kelly (Position re-established) (ASTDN President 2005)

2007-2014 Cindy Leuthen

2014-Present Rachelle Collinge

**MONTANA**

1951-1964 Wava Dixon

1964-1976 Virginia Kenyon

1978-1981 Alethea Ginnebaugh

1981-1984 Judith Gedrose

1985-1997 Maxine Ferguson (contact)

1998-2010 Jo Ann Walsh Dotson

2010-? Judith Gedrose

2012-Present Susan Reeser

**NEBRASKA**

1937-1943 Eleanor Palmquist

1943-1947 Gertrude Church

1947-1972 Emilie Brickley (ASTDN President 1962)

1972-1998 Mary Munter (Statewide position eliminated)

No official representative

**NEVADA (1938 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1955-1956 Petronille Commins

1956-1970 Ethelda Thelen

1970-1976 Millie Bennett

1976-1980 Jeannette Clodfelter

1980-1981 Kathy King

1981-1988 Ann R. Malone

1988-1995 Sandra J. Fairburn

1995- Mary D. Sassi

Sandra Hanneke

2005-? Laurie Cooper

No official representative

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

1926-1943 Mary Durning Davis

1943-1961 Florence Clark

1963-1974 Mildred Mattson

1975-1984 Elizabeth Burtt

1985-1991 Richard DiPentima

Doris Nuttleman

2005-2006 Debra McLaughlin

2007-2011 Bobbie Bagley

2012-Present No official representative-Darlene Morse-Contact\*

**NEW JERSEY**

1941 Elizabeth Curtis

1955 Gladys J. Wilson

Wanda Schorn

1958-1970 Johanna E. Kennedy

1971-1976 Ellora Meyer

1978- Evelyn Embessi

1996- Sue Rinehart-contact\*

Bruce Siegel-contact\*

2001 Beverly Rivell

2004-2007 Nancy Garvey

2008-Present Diana M. Garzio

**NEW MEXICO**

1950-1955 Portia Irick

1960-1966 Mary Coleman

1966-1968 Eunice Vanderwort (Acting)

1968-1970 Dorothy Keller

1973-1985 Susan S. Ripley

1985-1990 Lee Bartol

1991-1997 Judith Candelaria

1998 -2005 Fran A’Hern-Smith

2005-2011 Barbara Hickok

2011-2012 Melissa Charlie

2012-Present Amy Wilson

**NEW YORK**

1937-1948 Marion Scheanan

1948-1953 Mary Parker (ASTDN President 1960 & 1961)

1968 Eleanor Gachenour

1985-1987 Sylvia Rivers

1987-1996 Joann Dawson-contact\*

2002 Sylvia Contessa-contact\*

2005-2008 Michelle Cravetz

2009-2010 Patricia Waniewski-contact\*

2010-Present No official representative

**NORTH CAROLINA**

1919-1924 Rose Ehrenfield

1924-1929 Draper Fultz (Statewide position eliminated)

1952-1954 Amy Fisher Barrier

1954-1962 Mary King Kneedler

1964-1965 Ruth Brong

1966-1976 Elizabeth Holley

1976-1991 Estelle Fulp (Statewide position eliminated)

1993-1994 Judith Moore Britt (Position re-established)

1995-2014 Joy Reed (ASTDN President 2002, 2006, APHN President 2013)

2014-Present Phyllis Rocco

**NORTH DAKOTA**

1944 Irene Donavan

1969-1976 Irma Black

1976-1993 LaVerne Lee (Statewide position eliminated)

1993-Present Kim Senn Mertz-contact\*

**OHIO (1913 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

Margaret Kameron

1935-1955 S. Gertrude Bush

1956-1967 Anne Burns

1968-1972 Lillian Derflinger

1973-1985 Geraldine Price (ASTDN President 1984 &1985)

1985-1997- Joya Neff (ASTDN President 1993)

1997-1998 Ruth Stoltz

1998-2000 Debbie Martz

2000-2008 Debbie Arms

2008-Present D.J. Sam Chapman

**OKLAHOMA (1937 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1940-1964 Josephine Landes Daniels (ASTDN President 1950)

1966-1967 Lydia Hill

1967-1970 Mary Luvisi

1970-1984 Gertrude Hotaling

1985-1991 Carol Swink

1991- Toni Frioux (ASTDN President 1997)

2002-2012 Diana Pistole (ASTDN President 2010)

2012-Present Tina Johnson

**OREGON (1919 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1941 ` Lucille Perazzi

1947 Aileen Dyer

Jane C. Allen

1954-1971 Ruth Peffley

1971-1981 Ellen Strand

1981-1984 Anita Bennetts

1985-1986 Donna Clark

1986-2000 Carol Allen

2000-Present Tom Engle

**PENNSYLVANIA**

1905-1955 Alice O’Halloran

1956-1968 Margaret Donohue

1968-1984 Ruth Morgan

1985- Sally Williamson

2005 Gail A. Fridenvalds

2005-? Phuoc Tran

?-Present No Official Representative

**RHODE ISLAND**

1956 Catherine Tracey

1964 Rita Murphy

1985- Bertha Murgurdichian

-1995 Nancy Roberts-contact\*

1996-? Nancy E. Walsh-contact\*

2005-? Mary Ann Miller

?-Present No Official Representative

**SOUTH CAROLINA (1935 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1969 Maude Bailey

Ruth George

1972-1979 Virginia C. Phillips

1979-1989 Lillian McCreight (ASTDN President 1986)

1989- 1994 Rena Alford

1994- 2010 Ann Lee

2010-2012 Angela Olawsky

2013-Present No Official Representative

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

1936-1940 Florence Walker Engelsby

1940-1972 Alice B. Olson

1972-1979 Helen Stover

1979-1982 Joyce Sugrue

1982-1986 Sister Mary Jaeger

1986-1990 Debra Louchart

1990-1994 Paula Goddard

1994-2000 Kandi Buckland

2000-2005 Darlene Bergeleen

2012-Present No Official Representative

**TENNESSEE (1910 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1923-1926 Malvina Nisbet

1926-1927 Phyllis Higgenbotham

1927-1933 Malvina Nisbet

1933-1936 Donna Pearce

1936-1956 Frances Hagar (ASTDN President 1948)

1956-1973 Sammie Shapiro

1973-1984 Hazel Fowler

1985-1989 Ann Duncan

1989-1994 Janis Adcock

1994- 2006 Patsy McCall

2006- 2014 Deborah Hardin

2014-Present Michelle Ramsey

**TEXAS (1918 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

Mildred Garrett (ASTDN President 1941)

Jane Duffy

1943-1972 Mildred Garrison Primer

1972-1979 Maxine Geeslin

1979-1984 Joy M. Pappas

1985-1998 Linda Linville (ASTDN President 1989)

1998-1999 Jessie Yoas –contact\*

1999-2000 Leslie Mansolo

2001-2003 Debra Edwards (Statewide position eliminated)

2004-2005 Debra Wanser-contact\*

2005-2008 Sharon Flournoy-contact\*

2008-2010 Diane Faucher Moy (Statewide position re-established)

2011-2012 Sharon Flournoy

2013-2014 No Official Representative

2014-Present Lisette Osborne-contact\*(ASTDN President 2012)

**UTAH**

1922- Ella H. Conover

1951 Evelyn Kedneigh

1972-1978 Virginia Cole

1979-1980 Kelii Sine

1981-1984 Adele P. Nelson

1985- Diane Blake

-1993 Sandee Oliver

* 1. Elisa Hill

1998-2000 LaDene Larson

2000-2004 Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp

2004-2014 Teresa Garrett (ASTDN President 2009)

2014-Present Sherry Varley

**VERMONT**

1951-1957 Esther Martinson (ASTDN President 1957)

1961-1964 Alice Goudreau

1964-1965 Priscilla Allen

1970-1975 Annie Rowtsala

1975-1994 Audry Larrow

1994-1997 Kathleen Patterson

1997-2003 Sharon Moffatt (ASTDN President 2003)

2003-2004 Eileen Girling

2004-2008 Kathleen Keleher

2008-2011 Debra Wilcox

2012-Present Margaret Wilson

**VIRGINIA**

1916-1918 Jane Ranson

1918-1919 Maude Morse

1919-1920 Jane Ransom

1920-1921 Fereba Croxton

1921-1931 Nannie Minor

1932-1948 Mary Mastin

1948-1960 Hazel Higbee (name changed to Hazel Gibbbs in 1951)

1960-1970 Elazabeth Harlin

1971-1978 Elizabeth Sayres

1978-1988 Janet Kosidlak (ASTDN President1987)

1988-1990 Division Abolished

1990-1992 Jo McNeil

1993-2005 Karen Connelly (ASTDN President 2000)

2005-2010 Joanne Wakeham

2011-Present No Official Representative

**WASHINGTON**

1949-1952 Anna Moore

1952-1957 Grace Watson

1958-1964 Lyndall Birkbeck

1962-1964 Ruth Dean (Acting)

1964-1976 Betty Cohen

1977-1984 (statewide position eliminated)

1985- A Lamont Carstens-contact\*

1991-1992 Sherri McDonald-contact\*

1993-1996 Bobbie Berkowitz-contact\*

1996-2003 Carol Oliver

2003-2007 Debbie Lee

2007-2010 Diana McMaster

2010-Present Kathy Chapman

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Before 1937 Laurene Fisher (ASTDN President 1940)

1979- Oleta M. Riffe

1984-1985 Ruth Pearson

1985-1987 Vacant

1987 – 1999 Joan Kenny (contact)

1999- 2010 Kay Shamblin

2011-Present No Official Representative

**WISCONSIN (1903 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1920- Mary P. Morgan

1950-1952 Janet Jennings (ASTDN President 1952 & 53)

1968 Ione Rowley

1969-1979 Bernice Brynelson

1979-1985 Rosmary Vahldieck

Patricia Doll-contact\*

1991-2003 Margaret Schmelzer

10/2003-/2004 Muriel Nagle

2/2004-10/2004 Elizabeth Giese-contact\*

10/2004-2010 Margaret Schmelzer

2010-2012 Yvonne S. Eide

2013 No Official Representative

**WYOMING (1936 First Public Health Nurses Hired)**

1938-1950 Frances Hersey

1950-1952 Lola Hansen (USPHS on loan)

1951-1976 Marian Chladek (ASTDN President 1972 & 1973)

1976-1979 Mary Cassidy

1979-1984 Elta M. Kennedy

1985-1987 Toma Nisbet

1987-1988 Janet Andrew (Interim)

1988-? Jo Ann Blevens

2011-Present No Official Representative

**AMERICAN SAMOA**

1986- Repeca Howland

Diana Pilitati-Tuinei

1997-Present No Official Representative

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

-1984 Sarah Glindmeyer (President 1980)

1985- Mary M. Breach

Venera Busby

1997-Present No Official Representative

**GUAM**

1959-1960 Ester Ulloa

1961-1962 Olivia Guerrero

1962-1964 Louisa Sison

1964-1966 Olivia Guerrero

1966-1968 Lorena Murray

1968-1970 Adeil Wallet

1970-1989 Mary Sanchez

* 1. Laurent Duenas

1995- ? Fay Carbullido (Acting Administrator)

1997-Present No Official Representative

**MARIANNA ISLANDS**

1985-? Elizabeth Torres

1997-Present No Official Representative

**PUERTO RICO**

1964 Carman LuzPivara

Judith Ferrer

Milagros Castro Giboyeaux

Dalila Alonzo

1997-Present No Official Representative

**VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Evelyn McLaughlin

Lynette George

1997-Present No Official Representative

\*Contact means the state does not have a statewide nursing leadership position however, the individual listed was designated as the official representative to ASTDN/APHN

**ASTDN/APHN Presidents**

**1937-2015**

1937 Eva McDougall Indiana

1939 Helen Bean Michigan

1940 Laurine Fisher West Virginia

1941 Mildred Garrett Texas

1942 Olivia Peterson Minnesota

1943 Helen Dunn Maine

1944 Helene Buker Michigan

1945 Name Not available

1946 Mary Emberton Colorado

1947 Helen Fisk Maryland

1948 Frances Hagar Tennessee

1949 Hazel Dudley Connecticut

1950 Josephine Daniels Oklahoma

1951 Rena Haig California

1952 Janet Jennings Wisconsin

1953 Janet Jennings Wisconsin

1954 &1955 Rena Haig California

1956 Name not available

1957 Esther Martinson Vermont

1958 &1959 Louise Holmes Mississippi

1960-1961 Mary Parker New York

1962 Emily Brickley Nebraska

1963 -1965 Alberta Wilson Minnesota

1966 Julia Brandeberry Michigan

1967 Edna Brant (acting) California

1968 & 1969 Edna Brant California

1970 & 1971 Bernice di Sessa Colorado

1971 Betty Cohen Washington

1972 & 1973 Marian Chaladek Wyoming

1974 Sarah Lou Butler Arkansas

1975 No record

1976 & 1977 Geraldine Wojtowicz Indiana

1978 & 1979 Anne Smith Alabama

1980 & 1981 Sarah Glindmeyer Washington, D. C.

1982 & 1983 Frances Decker Minnesota

1984 & 1985 Geraldine Price Ohio

1986 Lil McCreight South Carolina

1987 Janet Kolidlak Virginia

1988 Marie Roberto Connecticut

1989 Linda Linville Texas

1990 Lavohn Josten Minnesota

1991 Mary Lou Menefee Arkansas

1992 Kaye Bender Mississippi

1993 Joya Neff Ohio

1994 Ruth Harrell Alabama

1995 Elfreda Nord Alaska

1996 Vanessa Hill Arizona

1997 Toni Fioux Oklahoma

1998 & 1999 Abby Horak Kansas

2000 Karen Connelly Virginia

2001 Carole (Robinson) Jakeway Georgia

2002 Joy Reed North Carolina

2003 Sharon Moffatt Vermont

2004 Prue Albright Delaware

2005 Glenda Kelly Missouri

2006 Joy Reed North Carolina

2007 Karen O’Brien Colorado

2008 Shirley Orr Kansas

2009 Teresa Garrett Utah

2010 Diana Pistole Oklahoma

2011 Clair Millet Louisiana

2012 Glynnis LaRosa Massachusetts

**APHN**

2013 Lisette Osborne Maryland

2014 Joy Reed North Carolina

2015 Sharon Stanley Ohio

**ASTDN/APHN Award Recipients**

1991 O. Marie Henry, Chief Nurse, USPHS – Recognition Award

1990s Linda Linville, Texas-Award of Merit

1999 Carole (Robinson) Jakeway, Georgia –-Award of Merit

2004 Sharon Moffatt, Vermont-Award of Merit

Joy Reed, North Carolina-Award of Merit

Kristine Gebbie, Columbia University –Recognition Award

2005 Nancy Davis, Alaska-Award of Merit;

George Hardy, ASTHO-Recognition Award

Patsy McCall, Tennessee-Special Recognition Award

2006 Lillian Mood, Retired-Award of Merit

2007 Glenda Kelly, Missouri-Award of Merit

Rita Munley Gallagher, American Nurses Association-Recognition Award

2008 Karen O’Brien, Colorado-Award of Merit

Mary Pat Couig, Chief Nurse, USPHS-Recognition Award

2009 Bobbie Berkowitz, Univ. of Washington-Award of Merit

Patricia Drehobl, CDC-Recognition Award

2010 Kitty Mahoney-Recognition Award

2011 Sharon Moffatt, Vermont-Award of Merit,

Sharon Stanley, Chief Nurse and Director, Disaster Health and Mental Health Services American Red Cross-Recognition Award

2012 Scott Becker- Association of Public Health Laboratories-Recognition Award

Shirley Orr-, Kansas-Award of Merit

2013 Judy Gibson, CDC-Award of Merit

2014 Susan Swider, Association of Community Nurse Educators-Award of Merit

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-Recognition Award

2015 Glenda Kelly, -Award of Merit

Susan Miyamoto, Nursing Community-Recognition Award

**Notes from Alumni May 2015**

**Alumni were asked to send special memories or greetings. The following notes were received.**

I attended my first ASTDN meeting in May 1985. Alaska being dependent on oil for revenues had a real fiscal problem in 1986 and the State Legislature mandated that the PHN Section initiate fees-for-service with a zero fiscal note. I contacted my ASTDN colleagues that had reported similar issues at our 1985 meeting. I received very welcome advice and help from South Dakota and Texas in particular. I was sold on the value of being an active member of ASTDN. I continued to attend all meetings available to me, usually at my own expense for the rest of my tenure as Chief. I retired in May 1997 and became alumnus #2, beaten out by Colorado! (Alumni status had just been established!) Was this the first step toward broadening the membership? I had the opportunity to serve on the Quad Council, I think in its second year. Hosting the ASTDN annual meeting in Alaska was a real memorable event. It is great to see the growth and scope of APHN.

**Elfrida H. Nord, Alaska**

**Note: Elfrida started keeping our history. We have information from the past because of her efforts.**

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I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend the meeting. It has been so long (late 70s and early 80s) since I was State Director of Public Health Nursing in South Carolina and an active member of ASTDN that I may not know or be remembered by anyone there! I do have such fond memories of my colleagues and friends and the good work we tried to do together. I am certain that the current membership is equally committed to the enormously important role that public health nurses play in making our communities and our states healthier places to live. I applaud the work you are doing.

**Lil Mood, South Carolina**

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Greetings to all on this special 80th Anniversary Celebration of our association.

I, like many of you I am sure, have appreciated the collegiality and often times direct assistance from members of the association over the years. Colleagues at ASTDN often served as advisors and guided me through many changes in public health and nursing over that decade. So to you all and this association I say a very special THANK YOU.

**Kathy Mason, Florida**

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Greetings to my dear friends of APHN (or as we older members continue to say, ASTDN). The celebration in New Hampshire should be lovely and for those vintage members who are in attendance, I am jealous. The best part of being there would be to greet such wonderful old friends and to enjoy "catching up" When you meet, please ask if Elfrida continues her trips to Norway. Does Toni Frioux still enjoy coconut cream pie and has her son found a place in the entertainment industry? Do Johnny and Ruth Herrell still have matching recliners? Does Karen Connelly still look like a movie star? Does Margaret Schmelzer still eat grits? How many grandchildren does Karen Fread have? etc. etc. etc. You can see these are important issues but only a tip of the news I want to know!

The first ASTDN meeting I attended was in San Diego. I was late to arrive because of a son's graduation so I missed the new member reception. Elfrida Nord took me under her wing. She gave me some idea of the friendships and expertise to be had in ASTDN. (I still regret I did not take the trolley to Tijuana).

Interestingly, when I think of the years many of us served together, it is not the political or professional issues that come immediately to mind. The generous and bright women who graced ASTDN with their talents are the most unforgettable. The reliable good humor that kept us from taking ourselves and politicians too seriously helped through some discouraging times. I wish you all well and hope life has been kind and fulfilling for you.

**Abby Horak, Kansas**

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I am sorry I cannot attend the celebration. I am traveling to Costa Rica at the time of the meeting. I was honored in 2015 as a New Mexico Nursing Legend.

**Fran A’Hern Smith, New Mexico**

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ASTDN was the most relevant and important membership experience when I was Chief of Public Health Nursing for Alaska (1997-2005). There was no other peer group that shared and understood the challenges and excitement of leading public health nursing, supporting each of us in our work, and challenging us to lead creatively, at times against incredible odds. The opportunity to serve PHNs in the company of passionate, intelligent, creative and fun-loving leaders was a career high. I could not have done it as well without ASTDN colleagues.

**Nancy Davis, Alaska**

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**Happy 80th Anniversary APHN!**

Please share my best wishes for a Fabulous annual conference. The ASTDN/APHN conferences are always a Great time! As a member since 1998, I have many favorite memories sharing smiles with special public health nursing colleagues across the nation. The organization has given me the opportunity to visit many states, know wonderful people, and nurture talents. I continue to strive for a balance between savoring life's blessings and serving others. Grandchildren, serving seniors and people in the borderlands of Arizona are my current focus with Tim as a loving companion.

**Karen O’Brien, Colorado**

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I send a greeting and a special anniversary message for the organization’s continued success, growth, future impact and leadership in promoting national health programs; setting standards for the practice of public health nurses; improving public health nursing education, and building collaboration and coalitions locally, nationally, and internationally to improve and impact the health of individuals, families and communities. Happy 80th Anniversary!

**Debra Joyce Edwards, Texas**

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**Greetings from Oklahoma!**

Sorry I can’t join you for this 80th Anniversary celebration, but know that I am with you “in spirit.” I am so very thankful for the professional development and friendships I have gained from being a part of this special organization. Although I am no longer in public health, I still consider myself a public health nurse and promote the profession to young nurses at every opportunity I get.

You asked for “memories.” I remember how Janet and I planned and planned for a really big annual conference in Oklahoma City in 2009 – only to have the big H1N1 outbreak at that time! Unfortunately, many of the nurses who were registered to come were told to stay-put by their commissioners, who were sure flu-Armageddon was upon them. In the end, the small group that was able to come had a good time and their states were able to survive without them ☺

I hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating this magnificent milestone.

**Diana Schaeffer (Pistole), Oklahoma**

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Gus and I wish that we could be there with you to celebrate eighty years of Public Health Nursing leadership. I highly prize the time I spend (and have spent) with you. We miss each and every one of you, especially Karen and Tim. I am thankful for the opportunities APHN has afforded me. I am humbled at having been chosen as an ASTDN Recognition Award recipient. The things APHN does on behalf of public health nurses and the populations for whom they are privileged to care are remarkable. APHN should be applauded for those efforts. Keep up the great work. HOPE to see you at the Centennial Celebration!

**Rita Gallagher, ANA**